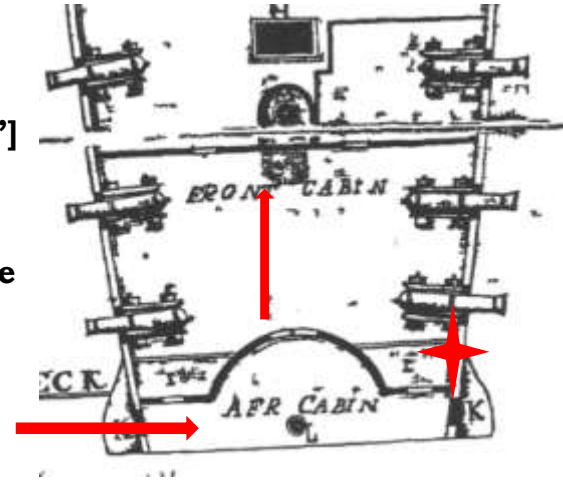


Gun Deck

Captain's Cabins

Constitution's 1812-era Captain's cabins were likely similar to *United States'* cabins (right), c. 1820. The 'Front' [or 'Great'] Cabin was used for gatherings; note the 'Afr' [after] Cabin is lit by the quarter galleries (left arrow) & the sleeping areas (star), port & starboard are in front of the after cabin. Bulkheads were removed for battle & the 4 cabin guns (center, right) were used. Guns could also be run out the stern/transom windows (lower, left). Today's cabins are based upon 1847/49

Constitution plans NOT 1812. In 1812 the Captain slept in a hanging cot (lower right), not a fixed berth (center, left) which was installed in the mid-to-late 19th century.



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